



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5052**

LCO No. 5128

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY  
DISCHARGE PLANS AND A STUDY OF PUBLIC HEALTH CODE  
COMPLIANCE OF HOUSING FOR RECIPIENTS OF BASIC NEEDS  
SUPPORT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) Any licensed residential treatment facility that  
2       provides adult mental health or substance abuse treatment services, or  
3       both, and receives state funds for the provision of such services shall  
4       prepare a discharge plan, including housing referrals, for each client  
5       receiving such services prior to such client's release from such  
6       residential treatment facility. The Commissioner of Mental Health and  
7       Addiction Services may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter  
8       54 of the general statutes, to carry out the provisions of this section.

9       Sec. 2. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
10      shall study the extent to which housing for recipients of basic needs  
11      support payments is in compliance with applicable requirements of the  
12      Public Health Code and shall conduct a review of its basic needs  
13      support policies and procedures in order to determine whether such  
14      policies and procedures ensure such compliance. Not later than

15 February 1, 2002, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction  
16 Services shall submit a report of the department's findings and  
17 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General  
18 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, in  
19 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish requirements for residential treatment facility discharge plans and for a study of public health code compliance of housing for recipients of basic needs support.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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